

Response Coordination Team Minutes

June 23, 2011

Present: Kathleen Bodie, Joe Curro, Christine Elliot, Nancy Rhoads, Joan Roman, Fred Ryan, Dave Swaim

Absent: Miriam Stein

May Minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously.

Potential Responses:

Discussion revolved around various potential responses to the typical types of incidents in Arlington:

- Activate the Rapid Response Network
- Develop of joint statement from town leaders
- Hold a vigil/rally
- Activate the non-violent Wall of Silence
- Letter writing/publicity campaign (identify specific people to write letters, especially through the interfaith community to ensure a broad base of town members)
- Organize a counter-point action
- Organize an educational forum
- School assembly
- Representational solidarity (e.g. wearing a ribbon, candle in window)
- Community restoration (e.g. painting over graffiti, cleaning bike path)
- Inclusion of issue on meeting agendas (BoS, SC)
- Explore how to disseminate information through Town Meeting Members

Responsibilities/Protocols:

After reviewing the RACI matrix and the flow chart, it was agreed that we would use both. Revisions to the flow chart were discussed and will be made and presented at the next meeting.

Joe Curro will develop a draft proclamation for eventual proposal to the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee. Nancy Rhoads will draft a Response Plan and work on identifying resources regarding hate crimes. Joan Roman will draft response templates for Town leaders following a hate crime.

There was a discussion about it being more difficult to be uncivil towards someone when one knows them, raising the question of what can be done to build bridges among town members. One idea is to explore how Town Meeting Members can be more active in their precincts, bringing people together.

Agenda: The agenda was set for the next meeting and a date of September 15, 2011 at 4:30 pm was agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Rhoads.